

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
ON
REVISED SAN FRANCISCO BAY MERCURY WATERSHED PERMIT**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a revised draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit covering the discharges of mercury from nearly all wastewater discharges in the region. This revised draft permit (or Tentative Order) is revised from an earlier draft permit distributed for public comment on March 16, 2007. The draft permit implements the San Francisco Bay Mercury TMDL wasteload allocations for wastewater discharges which the State Water Resources Control Board adopted in July 2007. The specific discharges covered include all sewage treatment facilities in the region, and all industrial facilities discharging directly to San Francisco Bay and its contiguous bay segments.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the Tentative Order during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date:	9:00 a.m., October 10, 2007
Location:	Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building 1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2007. Please limit your comments to only the revisions shown in the revised draft Permit. Please submit all your comments in writing. No comments will be accepted or responded to in writing after the deadline. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Regional Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Regional Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Water Board.

The Tentative Order, fact sheet, comments received, responses to April 2007 comments, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. These documents are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact **Lila Tang** at (510) 622-**2425**, or by e-mail at **LTang@waterboards.ca.gov**, if you have any questions on this matter.

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DATED

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